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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is winding down, behind last year at 98 percent, but ahead of the five year average of 94 percent. Alfalfa is in mostly poor to fair condition. Harvesting is still active in some areas of the State. Sheeping-off is occurring in many areas. Range and pasture conditions vary from very poor to good. Last year at this time, 86 percent were very poor to poor. Currently, 32 percent are very poor to poor.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

This week Central Arizona growers shipped bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, kale, parsley, and various citrus.

Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, Boston, iceberg, red leaf, and romaine lettuce, parsley, radicchio, spinach, and various citrus.

Crop Condition

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|------|-------------|------|-----------|
| | | | - Percent - | | |
| Alfalfa | - | 34 | 48 | 15 | 3 |
| Range and Pasture | 22 | 10 | 22 | 29 | 17 |

Crop Progress

| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 – Year Avg. | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--|--|
| | - Percent - | | | | | |
| Cotton | | | | | | |
| Harvested | 96 | 92 | 98 | 94 | | |

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above average across the State for the week ending December 26, ranging from 5 degrees above normal at Paloma and Yuma to 13 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 78 degrees at Marana. The lowest readings at 16 degrees occurred at St. Johns. There was precipitation recorded in all of the 22 weather stations this week. The least was recorded in Willcox with 0.05 inches and the most was recorded at Flagstaff with 1.91 inches of precipitation.

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| | Temperature and Precipitation Data | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| December 20, 2010 - December 26, 2010 | | | | | | | | |
| | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | | |
| | | | | | Past | Jan. 1 | Departure | Percent |
| Station | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Week | to Date | From Normal | of Normal |
| Aguila | 53 | 6 | 67 | 36 | 0.84 | 10.61 | 1.56 | 117 |
| Buckeye | 57 | 7 | 71 | 39 | 1.00 | 8.36 | 0.85 | 111 |
| Canyon De Chelly | 42 | 13 | 55 | 23 | 0.18 | 10.86 | 1.33 | 114 |
| Coolidge | 56 | 7 | 76 | 36 | 0.28 | 8.05 | 0.85 | 112 |
| Douglas | 52 | 8 | 72 | 22 | 0.07 | 9.83 | -3.44 | 74 |
| Flagstaff | 35 | 7 | 46 | 19 | 1.91 | 27.16 | 4.71 | 121 |
| Grand Canyon | 37 | 12 | 46 | 20 | 0.70 | 17.27 | -2.64 | 87 |
| Kingman | 50 | 9 | 61 | 35 | 0.98 | 8.21 | -1.43 | 85 |
| Marana | 58 | 8 | 78 | 37 | 0.49 | 9.21 | -0.98 | 90 |
| Maricopa | 55 | 7 | 74 | 35 | 0.08 | 7.86 | 1.15 | 117 |
| Paloma | 56 | 5 | 75 | 36 | 0.23 | 4.94 | -0.81 | 86 |
| Parker | 56 | 6 | 70 | 37 | 0.55 | 4.91 | 1.46 | 142 |
| Payson | 46 | 8 | 59 | 26 | 1.06 | 20.91 | -0.82 | 96 |
| Phoenix | 61 | 9 | 76 | 45 | 0.28 | 8.45 | 0.94 | 113 |
| Prescott | 44 | 9 | 57 | 26 | 1.04 | 14.45 | -4.93 | 75 |
| Roll | 57 | 6 | 75 | 37 | 0.19 | 3.83 | 0.72 | 123 |
| Safford | 51 | 9 | 73 | 29 | 0.12 | 10.8 | 1.27 | 113 |
| St. Johns | 42 | 9 | 60 | 16 | 0.16 | 8.32 | -2.97 | 74 |
| Tucson | 58 | 8 | 74 | 37 | 0.16 | 11 | -0.85 | 93 |
| Willcox | 49 | 8 | 71 | 24 | 0.05 | 13.4 | 0.68 | 105 |
| Winslow | 44 | 13 | 60 | 25 | 0.11 | 6.77 | -1.17 | 85 |
| Yuma | 60 | 5 | 72 | 43 | 0.17 | 4.02 | 0.91 | 129 |
| 1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week. | | | | | | | | |

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